

Better searches. Better results.

Here are some nifty modifiers to type in your Google search box to refine your searches and get the best results.



Exact Phrase

What it does:

searches for an exact phrase

What to type:

“one small step for mankind”

What you’ll get: results that include the exact phrase

“one small step for mankind”



Excluded Words

What it does: excludes search results with a particular word or phrase

What to type: bass -fishing

What you’ll get: results about bass that are not related to fishing



Similar Words

What it does: searches for a word and its synonyms

What to type: ~mobile phone

What you’ll get: results with the word “phone,” as well as “cell,” “cellular,” “wireless,” etc.



More Google web search modifiers:

site:

Site Specific

What it does: searches only particular websites

What to type:
global warming site:edu

What you'll get: references to "global warming" found on .edu websites

cm in foot

Conversions

What it does:
converts units of measure

What to type: cm in foot, 28C in F, \$ in pound, days in fortnight, miles in league, etc.

What you'll get:
the converted answer

1+1

Math Answers

What it does:
basic calculator functions

What to type: 4+7, 30% of 55, 20^2, sqrt(4), etc.

What you'll get: the answer

